GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1281
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
EXPANSION OF VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of villages covered by the Village Public Telephone facility and the villages where the said facility is not available in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu particularly in backward areas, district-wise;

(b) whether there is any scheme for the expansion of telephone network in the villages of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The number of villages covered by the Village Public Telephones Facility and where such facility is not available in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are given below. District-wise details are given as per Annexures -I & II.

S.No. State Total no.of Villages No.of vill. with VPTs No.of vill. without VPTs

1. Andhra Pradesh 29460 23379 6081

2. Tamil Nadu 17900 17847 53

(b) & (c) Yes. Remaining 53 villages in Tamil Nadu are planned to be provided with telecom facility by 15th August 2000 and all the remaining 6081 villages in Andhra Pradesh are planned to be provided with telecom facility by Private Fixed Service Provider (FSP).

Statement in respect of Part(a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1281 for 31st July, 2000 regarding Expansion of Village Public Telephone Facility

ANNEXURE - I

List of Villages uncovered by Telecom Facility in Andhra Pradesh

S.No.	Name of District	Total no.of villages	Uncovered villages		Covered villages
			General	Tribal	Total	
1	ADILABAD	1627	386	175	561	1066
2	ANANTHAPUR	1071	74	0	74	997
3	CHITTOR	1766	378	0	378	1388
4	CUDDAPAH	1041	63	0	63	978
5	EAST GODAVARI	1457	7	433	440	1017
6	GUNTUR	1019	0	0	0	1019
7	HYDERABAD	0	0	0	0	0
8	KARIM NAGAR	1215	129	0	129	1086
9	KHAMMAM	1168	0	261	261	907
10	KRISHNA	1098	33	0	33	1065
11	KURNOOL	971	20	0	20	951
12	MAHBUB NAGAR	1530	62	13	75	1455
13	MEDAK	1238	69	0	69	1169
14	NALGONDA	1221	89	0	89	1132
15	NELLORE	1269	129	0	129	1140
16	NIZAMABAD	885	156	0	156	729
17	PRAKASHAM	1222	178	0	178	1044
18	RANGA REDDY	916	2	0	2	914
19	SRIKAKULAM	1841	303	98	401	1440
20	VISHAKHAPATNAM	3227	0	2287	2287	940

21	VIZIANAGRAM	1552	91	241	332	1220
22	WARANGAL	1072	229	150	379	693
23	WEST GODAVARI	1054	0	25	25	1029
	Total	29460	2398	3683	6081	23379

ANNEXURE - II

List of Villages uncovered by Telecom Facility in Tamil Nadu

S.No.	Name of District	Total no.of villages	Uncovered villages	Covered villages
1	KANCHEEPURAM	1100	0	1100
2	COIMBATORE	488	0	488
3	CUDDALORE	790	0	790
4	DHARAMAPURI	1170	15	1155
5	DINDUGUL	399	1	398
6	ERODE	531	3	528
7	KANYAKUMARI	183	0	183
8	KARUR	189	0	189
9	MADURAI	631	0	631
10	NAGAPATTINAM	338	0	338
11	NAMAKKAL	451	1	450
12	PERAMBALUR	402	0	402
13	PERIAKULAM	173	0	173
14	PUDUKOTTAI	816	0	816
15	RAMNAD	554	0	554
16	SALEM	652	0	652
17	SIVAGANGA	635	0	635
18	THANJAVUR	846	0	846
19	THE NILGIRIS	55	1	54
20	TIRUNELVELI	590	0	590
21	TIRUVALLUR	630	0	630
22	TIRUVARUR	714	0	714
23	TIRUVANNAMALAI	1125	13	1112
24	TRICHY	546	0	546
25	TUTICORIN	507	0	507
26	VELLORE	907	4	903
27	VILLUPURAM	1561	15	1546
28	VIRUDHUNAGAR	651	0	651
29	PONDICHERRY	266	0	266
	TOTAL	17900	53	17847